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IN THE CLAIMS

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Claim 1 (canceled).

Claim 2 (currently amended): ~~[[The]] A cuticle removing device as claimed~~
comprising: a first set having a first handle and a first scrubbing stick which is connected to a first end of the first handle, a recess defined in the first handle and communicating an opening defined in a second end of the first handle, and a second set having a second handle and a second scrubbing stick which is connected to a first end of the second handle, with the second handle being of a size and shape for slideable engagement with the recess, with the second set being sized and shaped allowing removal of the second set from the recess, allowing the second scrubbing stick to be received in claim 1 the recess while the second handle is engaged with the recess and allowing the second scrubbing stick to be outside the recess while the second handle is engaged with the recess, wherein a diameter of the second handle is larger than that of the second scrubbing stick so that a shoulder is formed on an end surface of the first end of the second handle, the recess including a first section for receiving the second scrubbing stick and a second section for receiving the second handle of the second set, an annular step defined between the first section and the second section, the shoulder engaged with the annular step.

Claim 3 (currently amended): The device as claimed in claim ~~[[1]]~~ 2, wherein a knob is connected to a second end of the second handle and extends beyond the second end of the first handle.

Claim 4 (currently amended): ~~[[The]] A cuticle removing device as claimed~~
comprising: a first set having a first handle and a first scrubbing stick which is connected to a first end of the first handle, a recess defined in the first handle and communicating an opening defined in a second end of the first handle, and a second set having a second handle and a second scrubbing stick which is connected to a first end of the second handle, with the second handle being of a size and shape for slideable engagement with the recess, with the second set being sized and shaped allowing removal of the second set from the recess, allowing the second scrubbing stick to be received in claim 1 the recess while the second handle is engaged with the recess and allowing the second scrubbing stick to be outside the recess while the second handle is engaged with the recess, wherein a

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groove is defined in the outer periphery of the second handle and a ring is engaged with the groove.

Claim 5 (currently amended): ~~[[The]]~~ A cuticle removing device as claimed comprising: a first set having a first handle and a first scrubbing stick which is connected to a first end of the first handle, a recess defined in the first handle and communicating an opening defined in a second end of the first handle, and a second set having a second handle and a second scrubbing stick which is connected to a first end of the second handle, with the second handle being of a size and shape for slideable engagement with the recess, with the second set being sized and shaped allowing removal of the second set from the recess, allowing the second scrubbing stick to be received in claim 4 the recess while the second handle is engaged with the recess and allowing the second scrubbing stick to be outside the recess while the second handle is engaged with the recess, with the device further comprising a ring mounted to an outer periphery of the second handle and engaged with an inner periphery of the recess.

Claim 6 (new): The device as claimed in claim 5, wherein a knob is connected to a second end of the second handle and extends beyond the second end of the first handle.

Claim 7 (new): The device as claimed in claim 4, wherein a knob is connected to a second end of the second handle and extends beyond the second end of the first handle.